



JOURNEY with JESUS

Lesson Nine – Preparing for Another Journey

Mark 14:1-31

What do you do when you have a big trip coming up? Do you make a list of what you will bring? Do you double-check your itinerary to make sure all of the travel and lodging arrangements are in place? Do you hurriedly pack at the last minute, or do you slowly pack over the span of a few days or a couple of weeks? Toward the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, he knew he had a big journey coming up. And he knew he had to prepare himself and others for that trip. But this was a trip like none other he had taken in his life. It was a trip to the cross. It was a trip to open up grace and forgiveness to all who believe and obey. In fact, this trip was a journey that his disciples didn't see coming and didn't understand until later. In the lesson today, we watch Jesus as he is *Preparing for Another Journey*.

1. The setting for our story this week is the _____ and the Feast of _____ Bread.
2. In the home of Simon the Leper, a lady poured _____ on the head of Jesus in order to prepare his body for _____.
3. The _____ was customarily sacrificed on the first day of the Feast.
4. Jesus called the bread his _____ and the cup his _____.
5. How many times did the rooster crow? _____

Personal Study:

1. Memory Verse – Mark 14:22-24.
2. We have seen how the Passion of Jesus is actually the suffering that led up to his eventual sacrifice on the cross. We have also seen how this was carried out by people around him. Since Jesus' entire ministry was leading to this point, what other events in the life of Jesus would you classify as his "Passion" or "Suffering"? Write down the list of events you have identified. Now, go back through the list and jot down what it is about this event that you see as special. What lesson do you learn from the words or the actions of Jesus?
3. Study Hebrews 9:11-15. What do you learn about the sacrifice of Jesus? How does it compare to the sacrifices in the Old Testament? What should be our response to this sacrifice?
4. Mark 14:8 says that "the woman did what she could" when she anointed Jesus. It was different from what others could do, but it was readily accepted by Jesus. Think about what it is that "you can do." It looks like Jesus is not so picky about what it is, but he is concerned that you actually do it.

Next Time:

Have you ever felt like you are all alone in your walk with Christ? Does it sometimes seem like you are the only one who cares about obeying the commands of God and the teaching of the Master? And do you wonder if you should keep trying to be faithful? Well, take courage. There is hope! Christ himself was left all alone when he was on the cross. Sure, there were people around him, and men on either side of him on their crosses. But he alone was put on the cross for caring enough for mankind, he alone was willing to

die for their sins. He has provided us an excellent example for those times when we are down and out and feeling alone. Indeed, each of us can learn from the Savior as we see how he handled *Traveling Alone*.